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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF CHINA

IPF:(1987-91) $176 600 000
(CPR/91/712) - Rehabilitation Assistance to Anhui Province Following the Flood Disaster

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	9 October 1991		
Expected duration:	One year		
Proposed executing agency:	Government (China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade (MOFERT))		
Government implementing agency:	Provincial Government of Anhui		
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 500 000	Source of funds:	SPR
Third-party cost sharing:	$1 017 100	Source of funds:	
		Australia	$157 100
		Finland	$240 000
		Italy	$370 000
		U.K.	$250 000
Total UNDP budget:	$1 517 100		

Project background

Between May 18 and July 19, 1991, China experienced one of its worst flood disasters in a century. China made an international appeal for assistance for flood victims in Anhui, Jiangsu and Henan Provinces in July 1991 and requested the United Nations to co-ordinate with multilateral and bilateral donors. The international community responded to the appeal with contributions amounting to approximately $180 million in Anhui Province alone. Assistance from 16 donors through a UNDP SPR-funded emergency relief project (CPR/91/711) amounted to $7.39 million. The proposed project (CPR/91/712) is a rehabilitation phase of the assistance to the flood victims in Anhui Province, the hardest hit out of the 18 provinces affected by the disaster.

The emergency situation is now under control. However, 14 million people (farmers and dependents) are in temporaty shelter with no current source of income. Summer and Autumn harvest have been lost and there is considerable risk that the winter harvest will not be possible due to 170,000 hectares still being under water creating further dependency for basic needs of shelter, food and water. Current estimates are that to maintain the food ration of 75 per cent of normal, another 2.5 billion kgs. of grain will be required through May 1992 when rehabilitation efforts should have resulted in a return to near normal

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production and income. There are extensive economic and social consequences resulting from the displacement of such a large population which will need to be thoroughly assessed in the formulation of resettlement and reconstruction strategies that integrate disaster mitigation measures in housing and human settlements planning and reconstruction. There are urgent requirements, in addition to provision of basic needs, to restore basic community services such as schools and hospitals.

Description of project

This rehabilitation project is a follow-up to the emergency relief project, CPR/91/711 Emergency assistance to the flood victims in Anhui, Jiangsu, and Henan Provinces which was also funded by SPR. A UNDP fact-finding mission to Anhui Province was undertaken from 20 - 27 September to prepare for this rehabilitation project. The development objective is the resumption of economic and social activities of the flood victims and the strengthening of provincial and local government capacity to manage disaster relief, rehabilitation and preparedness programmes.

The project aims at meeting immediate priority rehabilitation requirements for reconstituting services and renovating essential structures in a way in which vulnerability is reduced in the six poorest and most affected counties in Anhui Province. By completion of the project, 25 primary and secondary schools and 10 township and village hospitals/clinics in the six counties in Anhui Province will be rehabilitated. A limited number of rural industries will be also assisted through promotion of income-generating activities through the establishment of credit schemes and the provision of essential tools. The second immediate objective of the project is to strengthen the government's capacity at the provincial and county levels to co-ordinate and manage rehabilitation, and enhance disaster preparedness and long-term risk reduction measures.

Project activities will involve a combination of response to some of the most urgent needs for tangible reconstruction assistance to flood victims while supporting government efforts to develop a comprehensive rehabilitation strategy and integration of improved engineering and architectural techniques into reconstruction. It will, further, support the planning methodology and formulation of investment projects through activities such as on-the-job training in rehabilitation planning methodologies; familiarization of issues involved in disaster management using case studies as a basis for rehabilitation and recovery planning in Anhui; conduct pre-feasibility studies for resettlement, reconstruction of industry, water conservancy, sanitation and restoration of community services; advise on viable investment packages; and improve data collection and the operation of management information systems.

Inputs

UNDP will provide three work-months for a consultant in disaster management; three work-months for a sociologist; three work-months for an economist; three work-months for a consultant in management information system; three work-months for unspecified consultancy services; two UNVs for six work-months each; mission costs for UNDP and Government monitoring visits; nine work-months for a national consultant in sociology; nine work-months for a national consultant in physical planning; nine work-months for a national consultant in infrastructure; nine work-months for a national consultant in health and sanitation; nine work-months for a national consultant in education; equipment and materials required for reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals/clinics and rural industries as well as management information system; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	295 000
Equipment	1 202 100
Miscellaneous	20 000
Total	1 517 100